

## MOST COMPLETE AUDITORIUM

Strong Petitions Sent to Council  
to Adequately Equip  
Structure.

### COMMITTEE APPROVES PLAN

Chapman Meetings and Conventions  
Not to Come Unless  
Work Is Ordered.

Need for a convenient and well-arranged auditorium is again apparent, and an effort will be made to have the City Council, at its meeting to-morrow night, take the necessary steps for the completion of the present structure at Linden and Cary Streets, which was hurriedly converted from a market to an improvised auditorium for the meetings, Baptist Convention and the Confederate Reunion in 1907. So inadequate were the provisions that a resolution, introduced in the Baptist convention, to leave the building on account of its lack of acoustics, was only defeated by a narrow vote.

After experiments in great mass-meetings, the Episcopal convention of the fall abandoned the use of the Auditorium, holding simultaneous meetings in several churches.

**Blocks Convention Plans.**  
Since the Chamber of Commerce has been aggressively at work in a campaign to secure for Richmond some of the great conventions of the country, the question has again been brought to the front of providing adequate quarters for such gatherings. Already Richmond has lost several great national conventions which were willing to come here, but which had to go elsewhere because the city had no public hall large enough and suitably arranged for such gatherings.

Perhaps the most urgent reason for immediate action in the plan of the churches of all denominations to join in an evangelistic campaign in this city in January next, the services of the Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., an evangelist of world-wide fame, having been secured, provided suitable local arrangements can be made for the meeting. A committee of six representative business and professional men and ministers, in charge of the plans, was presented to the Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings some weeks ago. On consultation with the City Engineer, it was found that the complete Auditorium, originally planned, with a complete heating plant, ceiling, platform and interior fittings, would cost about \$12,000. The committee recommended that the work be authorized at once, and the report will come up in the Council meeting to-morrow night, when it is understood that representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's Club, and other organizations will be present to urge the passage of the measure.

**Wednesday Club's Petition.**  
The following formal petition will also be presented to the Council:  
To the Honorable Council of the City of Richmond:

Your petitioners, the Wednesday Club, of this city, humbly pray your honorable body to make such an appropriation as will enable your Committee on Grounds and Buildings to improve the present City Auditorium so as to make it available for concerts and great public gatherings. Such improvements as are contemplated by your honorable body are also included in the Auditorium is to be available for the uses of the Wednesday Club.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Wednesday Club,  
GEO. W. STEVENS, President,  
H. T. McLOONEY, Vice-President,  
M. T. FICHER, Secretary.

To the Honorable Council of the City of Richmond:

Your undersigned petitioners constitute a committee appointed by the Ministerial Union of Richmond, to advocate and lobby, to make arrangements for the Chapman evangelistic meetings, which will be held in this city during the first three weeks of January, next. It is essential that a proper hall be provided for the meetings, and that the Auditorium be made only an affording sufficient capacity; but it cannot be used without certain improvements, including provision for heating and lighting, and the petitioners are advised that the making of these improvements is essential for the purpose of the Auditorium for the purpose of the Chapman meetings, but the putting of the name to such condition that it can be used to advantage for the purpose of the improvements.

We therefore respectfully petition such action on the part of your honorable body as will enable your Committee on Grounds and Buildings to improve the use of the Auditorium for the Chapman meetings, but the putting of the name to such condition that it can be used to advantage for the purpose of the improvements.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. M. Ramsey, J. J. Scherer, E. H. Rawlings, J. H. Moss, P. T. McFadden, J. H. B. Smith, W. B. Russell, Cecil, S. K. McKee, E. T. Dandridge, A. Goodwin, John C. Freeman, W. S. C. Jones, J. K. Jones, E. Kelly, Thomas Semmes, O. J. Smith, H. Bottom, H. D. C. MacLachlan, Jere Williams, O. N. Latham, J. W. Morris, O. A. Hawkins, L. L. Harrison.

For Chapman Meetings,  
To the Honorable Council of the City of Richmond:

Your undersigned petitioners constitute a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Richmond, to advocate and lobby, to make arrangements for the Chapman evangelistic meetings, which will be held in this city during the first three weeks of January, next. It is essential that a proper hall be provided for the meetings, and that the Auditorium be made only an affording sufficient capacity; but it cannot be used without certain improvements, including provision for heating and lighting, and the petitioners are advised that the making of these improvements is essential for the purpose of the Auditorium for the purpose of the Chapman meetings, but the putting of the name to such condition that it can be used to advantage for the purpose of the improvements.

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Respectfully submitted, by order of the Board of Directors,  
S. P. WILEY,  
Secretary pro tem.  
O. A. Hawkins, President.

**Outrigger Case Continued.**  
Charles Outrigger charged with a warrant with trespassing on the property of R. E. Jackson and cursing the latter's family, was before Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning. The case was continued until July 7th.

**Excused on Ground of Joke.**  
Bill Morgan and Lee Pockington, who amused themselves Friday by throwing their friend, Cleveland Childers, into the water, appeared before Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning, but, as they explained that they were only playing, they were allowed to go on payment of the cost.

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## MANY STATES TO ADOPT VIRGINIA'S COCAINE LAW

Police Commissioner Manning Explains Effect of Statute,  
Showing Convention of Chiefs How It Has Improved  
Conditions Here—Baltimore Suppressing the Evil.

Although the Police Department does not claim to have ended all of the cocaine traffic in Richmond, the law passed by the General Assembly has almost reduced the evil to a minimum, and with the war which is still being waged on the dealers, the department is satisfied that all of the crooks may be suppressed in time. The fact that there are no more of cocaine is to be regarded by the courts as an evidence of evil intent practically makes it impossible for the dealers to escape. In the Hustings Court many offenders have been convicted and sent to the penitentiary for terms of years.

**Convention Planned With Law.**  
While attending the convention of police chiefs at Detroit, Major Werner and Police Commissioner Chris Manning, Jr., explained in detail the operation of the Virginia law, with the result that delegates from other cities declared that the law was the best in its kind in its States.

"Requests have been received here for copies of the act from eight or ten cities," said Mr. Manning yesterday, "and I believe that the Virginia law will be generally followed within the country for a term of years. The chief told me that he had more trouble with the 'coke sniffers' along the waterfront in his city than with all other offenders combined. The law there has not been sufficient to deal with the crooks, but when they are apt to be caught, they are apt to be caught in the possession of the law. The conviction is particularly difficult here, owing, of course, to the large negro population. There can be no doubt about the satisfactory results in Richmond."

**May Rid City of Evil.**  
"When we are rid of these coke sniffers, we will be far easier on the police," said Justice Crutchfield. "Filled up with this abominable drug a man, white or black, is liable to commit any crime, and the only thing to do is to put cocaine out of reach by putting the men who sell it in the penitentiary. If the good work keeps up, the city will eventually be free of the evil."

In addition to his work at Detroit, Major Werner has been called upon since his return to supply his associates in other cities with copies of the law. "It was indeed gratifying to find the great amount of interest in the matter," he said, "and if other States will adopt similar measures the sale of cocaine will be restricted to legitimate purposes only. That, certainly, shall be our aim in Richmond."

**Dr. Sloan's Machine Then Dashed Into Curbside and Was Practically Ruined.**

Riding out Monument Avenue beyond the Lee Monument, yesterday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock, in a five-seated White steam, Dr. Julian W. Sloan, of the University of Virginia, was driving along the curbside, when the machine was dashed into the curbside and was practically ruined.

Shutting off the steam and throwing the brake, Dr. Sloan jumped, leaving the car to run nearly a hundred feet and coming to a stop against the curbside, where it was dashed into the curbside and was practically ruined. The car was a 1906 model steam car, and was formerly the property of Mr. John T. Wilson, of this city, who sold it to Dr. Sloan some time ago.

Mr. Sloan, however, said last night that, while he had not carefully examined the car, he had been informed that it was in a bad state of repair, and that it was not safe to drive. He had, however, been informed that it was in a bad state of repair, and that it was not safe to drive. He had, however, been informed that it was in a bad state of repair, and that it was not safe to drive.

**MULE RAN AWAY**

Frightened by Cracks, and Owner Badly Hurt.  
But one accident directly attributable to Fourth of July fireworks was reported by Ambulance Surgeon White last night, that being a mule runaway, which occurred at the residence of Mr. R. H. Holloway, of No. 1003 Short Baker Street, with his two sons, aged sixteen and twelve, was driving in a fire on Brook Avenue yesterday afternoon, shortly after 3 o'clock, when the mule became frightened at the noise of the crackers, and ran down the street, throwing the owner and his sons into the air.

Mr. Holloway himself received a severe injury to the back of the head, and was bruised about the face and shoulder. Dr. White was called with the city ambulance, and found it necessary to take the mule to the back of the city head. The younger boy was severely bruised, but not seriously hurt. The mule was caught further down the street. Mr. Holloway was taken to his home in the ambulance.

**THE FOURTH AT ATLEE**

Two Baseball, Speaking and Other Features on Program for Day.

There was a big Fourth of July celebration at Atlee, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, ten miles west of this city, yesterday. It was held under the auspices of the Washington and Henry High School League, and was the third observance by that organization.

Rev. E. L. Hardy, president of the League, was assisted by a capable committee on arrangements, with L. S. Bremner as chairman. There were two games of baseball, played between the Washington and Henry Club, of Atlee, and the Highland Springs Club, which resulted in favor of the former by a score of 10 to 5. The plan was to have a picnic at Atlee, but it was abandoned because of the rain.

**Award Medals at Reclinal.**  
Following a pupils' recital at the home of Miss Mary Ramos, No. 206 Allen Avenue, a gold medal was presented to Miss Mary E. Poehler, and silver medals to Miss Lillian Henderson, Peatross and Miss Birdie Bertha Harris. The address of presentation was made by Dr. William P. Matthews.

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## FOURTH QUETLY OBSERVED HERE

Rain Held Back Until Night,  
Giving Crowds Ample Time  
for Sport.

### SPOILED FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Town Practically Deserted  
While People Hurried Away  
to Resorts.

Showers throughout the day and heavier rains at night did little to interfere with Richmond's enjoyment of the Fourth of July, the clouds yesterday holding their drops long enough for both morning and afternoon ball games and interfering but little with the plans of the fishermen and picnic parties, especially those who were fortunate enough to get home early.

At night the storms which had held back all day came with a clasp of thunder and beating of rain, which made sweethearts and mothers anxious about the dear boys camped somewhere in Chesterfield, gallantly wearing their uniforms in the defense of Richmond. News that the battle had been fought, that Richmond was safe, and that there were no casualties, was received with a genuine feeling of relief, both the attacking and defending forces reporting that they had lost nothing save a few pounds of flesh.

**Rain Spills Fireworks.**  
In Richmond, small boys made a feeble attempt to make things hum with the noise of fireworks, but the rain held them back. The children offered little encouragement, and the rainy night prevented what might have been the handsomest display of all the brilliant sight of fireworks against the blackness of the sky.

Of those who neither went to the ball game or fishing, there were thousands who spent the day quietly at home resting from the burden and heat of former days and enjoying the luxury of a quiet and peaceable smoke. Surprisingly few accidents were reported during the day, and the city was early deserted, and the State and city offices were left vacant, even the clerks of the courts taking holiday.

**TO SPEAK ON CHINA**  
Missionary of Long Experience Will Tell of Work in Orient.  
Under the auspices of the Interdenominational Laymen's Missionary Movement, Rev. William Henry Hunt, of China, will speak at the Church of the Covenant to-night. The main object of the Laymen's Movement in this city and elsewhere is to give publicity to everything that will tend to awaken a keener and deeper interest in mission work. Mr. Hunt has been in China for about ten years, and leaves for his home this country next week. Men are especially invited to attend the night service. Mr. Hunt will preach at the usual morning service at the Seventh Street Christian Church.

**Early Closing Schedule.**  
Following their usual summer custom, J. B. Mosby & Co. are closing their stores at 1 P. M., on Saturdays. They are anxious to see all dealers agree upon a uniform closing hour—5 P. M. on Saturdays and 1 P. M. on Sundays, believing that it will be satisfactory to the shopping public and especially pleasing to the army of clerks.

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## News Gathered From Southside..

Yesterday passed like a Sabbath over Manchester; the streets were noiseless and the city deserted by its population. Innumerable excursions left for seashore and nearby watering resorts, while many excited bodies of friends assembled in the country just outside of the city to pass a quiet, restful day under the shelter of the trees.

Most vehicles and equipages of all kinds were pressed into service by parties wishing to witness the sham battle which was waged during the day, and a body of troops advancing from Petersburg and a second line endeavoring to cover Manchester and Richmond.

All banks in the city were closed during the day, as were most of the municipal departments, and the shops of the merchants as continued to keep open were as silent and deserted as the streets.

In spite of the fact that the city appeared utterly abandoned, there was a long docket called in the Police Court, and the early hours were followed by a number of fires.

**Section Quarters Burned.**  
At 2:15 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was turned in from the George Paulie plant, at Fifth and Porter Streets, flames being discovered in the frame building used by the Southern Railway as quarters for its section hands, which is generally occupied by a dozen or more men.

The department at once responded, Assistant Chief R. E. Owens in command, and the fire was under control in twenty minutes.

The fire resulted in an estimated loss of \$500. It almost resulted in the cremation of a negro watchman named Jim Consins, who was asleep in the building at the time. The rescue was effected by breaking down the door, after which the negro was dragged from his bed into safety.

The plant was the reflection that a large part of the city was illuminated. Persons in Swanboro believed that the fire was in Richmond. The origin of the flames has not as yet been determined.

An unusual incident resulted from the bursting of a pizza in the hands of a citizen, who was the reflection that a large part of the city was illuminated. Persons in Swanboro believed that the fire was in Richmond. The origin of the flames has not as yet been determined.

**In the Police Court.**  
Arthur Tyson and Joe Smith, both young white men, were convicted of fighting on Hull Street near Eighth

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## STATE OWNED ROAD NOW RUN BY FEDERAL COURT

Part of Norfolk & Southern Once Bone of Contention in  
North Carolina--Receivership Proceedings Not  
Likely to Embarrass Fine Property.

According to Oakleigh Thorne, one of the principal owners of Norfolk and Southern securities, the receivership proceedings for that road, which was brought about primarily by the collapse of the lumber industry, upon which the road feeds, although the present financial embarrassment will result in the suspension of all new construction work, announcement is made that there will be no reduction in the wages of employees. The policy of retrenchment will be continued, however, the dispatches stating that many other officials will be dropped.

**Part of System Owned by State.**  
The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, which is now in receivership, is operated under a ninety-nine-year lease as a part of the Norfolk and Southern system. It extends from Goldsboro to Morehead City, a distance of ninety-eight miles. The interesting fact in this connection is that the property, owned by the State of North Carolina, is operated under a ninety-nine-year lease as a part of the Norfolk and Southern system. It extends from Goldsboro to Morehead City, a distance of ninety-eight miles.

The fight over the lease was long and bitter. After it had been made, desperate efforts were made to break the suit as the Norfolk and Southern secured control, the old system was wiped out. The passes and the franks went with it, and then the public at large quickly appreciated the difference. Operated to-day under an order of the Federal court, it will still be just the same old time influence. When that control ceases the company will continue to develop, just as it will continue to be the mainstay of the people from Norfolk to the Eastern coast of North Carolina.

When the Norfolk and Southern took charge wonderful changes were brought about. The freight and passenger reserve was increased, more satisfactory schedules were arranged, and the old time influence was maintained. The people found that they were receiving better accommodations from the railroad than they had from the State. North Carolina had a fine illustration of what

**State Ownership of Railroads Meant.**  
and according to business men in Eastern Carolina, they want no more of it.

**Of course, the Norfolk and Southern**  
will pull out of this present trouble," said a well-informed railroad man last night, "and you may be assured that its plans for development will not be retarded in the end. It is a good property, and it is a good property."

**Read a Political Asset Once.**  
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